This attempt was made by the Englishmen only on the bastion of the west side, for the Frenchmen never attempted anything against their bastion, alleging that it was not assailable

The next day the Marshal and Sir John seeing the little effect that the artillery wrought, devised to make a mine against the east bastion towards the French trenches

znd November PLAYS OF THE WEEK

The plays at the Rose Thea.re this last week were *Palamon and Arcite^ The French Doctor, A Knack to Know an Honest Man* (twice), *Godfrey of Bulloigne, Bellendon*

yd November THE SERMON AT PAUL'S CROSS

The sermon at Paul's Cross was this day preached by Dr John Dove, on the Second Coming of Christ, and the disclosing of Antichrist, taking as his text I John 11, verse 18 He spoke very strictly of those that buy patronages of Church livings to give them to base, ignorant, and beggarly men, who would easily accept of benefices upon unlawful conditions In concluding he demonstrated at length that the Bishop of Rome was that Antichrist spoken of in the Revelations

A PETITION AGAINST A NEW THEATRE

Learning that some intend to erect a new theatre on the Bankside the Lord Mayor hath written to the Lord Treasurer begging him rather to suppress all stages than to erect any more Nor will he allow the defence of these plays alleged by some that the people must have some kind of recreation and that policy requires idle and ill-disposed heads to be directed from worse practise by this kind of exercise These plays, saith he, are so corrupt, profane, containing nothing else but unchaste fables, lascivious devices, shifts, cozenage, and matter of like sort that

only the base and refuse sort of people, or such young gentlemen as have but small regard for credit or conscience, are drawn thither Hence plays are become the ordinary place of meeting for all vagrant persons and masterless men, that hang about the City, thieves, horse stealers, whoremongers, cozeners, conny-catching persons, practisers of treason and such like , there they consort and make their matches Nor can the City be cleansed of this ungodly sort (the very sink and contagion not